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BRITISH BLUFF

UNTIL recently when William Phillips published his report on India, British propaganda had been putting out vague and general stories about the Indian people's co-operation with the British war effort. They talked of the British Indian Army as the largest Volunteer Army in the world and they boasted about millions of Indians voluntarily working in British war factories.

Even William Phillips had great difficulties in his task of gauging the true state of affairs in India. The British did not allow him to see Gandhiji or Pandit Nehru; and surely they did not allow him to visit any city or district where anti-British agitation was most violent. However, Phillips seems to have managed with characteristic American ability for getting at news to find out for himself that all British stories about Indian people's co-operation with the British war effort in war factories and industries were mere bluff.

Early this year, the Azad Hind Fauj began to launch offensives against the Anglo-Americans in the various sectors of Burma. Naturally the American troops in Burma came in contact with these Azad Hind Fauj troops. Previously the Americans had had experience of the fighting qualities of Indian troops in the British armies alone. But now when they fought against the Azad Hind Fauj troops, the Americans realised for the first time the valour and ability of Indians. They realised also that only these Indians who were fighting for India's freedom—only the members of the Azad Hind Fauj—were really fighting, regardless of their lives, gallantly and wholeheartedly.

It is no wonder then that British propagandists have now changed their tune, and are putting out, instead of vague and general stories, impressive facts and figures—of course, purely imaginary—so as to make the Americans believe that the Indian people are really co-operating with the British war effort. They are also frequently holding pompous ceremonial parades and exhibitions so as to infuse pro-British sympathy or loyalty as they call it, among Indian troops and to induce India's young men to join the British army. But the British will not succeed in either of these. Propaganda cannot save the tottering British imperialism in India. Its final collapse is a foregone conclusion.

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ANOTHER BLOW TO U.S. TASK FORCE

Imperial Forces Occupy Important Kuantsunchi Base

Chungking Division In S. China Routed In Big Nippon Push

(By a War Correspondent)

South China Front, October 24 (Domei).—By launching fierce attacks Nippon units in north-eastern Kwangsi Province overcame the stubborn resistance put up by the 284th and 285th regiments of the enemy 95th Division to occupy Kuantsunchi, approximately 12 kilometres north-west of Pingnam, on the afternoon of October 23.

These Nippon units after smashing the enemy 95th Division on the Kweiping-Pingnam front, routed it to the north-west. In the course of a sustained drive against the enemy, our units on October 23 launched a heavy attack on Kuantsunchi where the enemy had constructed a line of defence. Despite stubborn resistance by the 284th and 285th regiments, our units on the afternoon of October 23 completely occupied Kuantsunchi.

Meanwhile, other Nippon units drove through Shihtzechi, on the morning of the same day and advanced to a position three kilometres east of Shihtzechi.

Driving through the plains along the basin of the West River toward the heart of Kwangsi Province, Nippon units on the South China front on October 21 attacked and defeated about one Chungking division belonging to the Ninth War Zone which came south from Hunan Province. Our units are now hotly pursuing the routed Chungking troops.

Foe's Fruitless Raid On Kyushu And Saishu

Tokyo, October 25 (Domei).—Approximately 100 American China-based aircraft between 10 o'clock and 11.30 today raided Kyushu, and Saishu Island, south of Chosen, according to an announcement made by Dai Honyei at 3.40 o'clock this afternoon.

The text of the announcement follows:—

"From about 10 o'clock to 11.30 on Oct. 25 approximately 100 aircraft of the China-based American air force raided Kyushu, and Saishu (Quelpart) Island. Investigation is now being conducted as to results achieved.

"Only slight damage was caused."

Four Carriers, Two Cruisers, One Destroyer, Four Transports Sunk In Waters East Of Philippines

TWO CARRIERS, ONE BATTLESHIP & TWO CRUISERS HEAVILY DAMAGED

Tokyo, October 25 (Domei).—The Nippon naval fleet in close co-operation with its air arm is so far known to have either sunk or heavily damaged a total of 16 enemy surface craft, including four aircraft-carriers, in fierce attacks launched yesterday morning and still going on, against an enemy task force and transport fleet in waters east of the Philippines, Dai Honyei announced in a communique issued at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The text of the communique follows:—

"Our naval fleet since yesterday morning has been launching fierce attacks with its surface and air units against an enemy task force and transport fleet in waters east of the Philippines.

"War results so far ascertained are as follows:—Sunk: four aircraft-carriers, including one of the Enterprise class, two cruisers, one destroyer, and at least four transports. Heavily damaged: two aircraft-carriers, one battleship, two cruisers.

"Our losses:—two cruisers and one destroyer sunk."

Firmly determined to crush completely the enemy's ambitious attempt at recapturing

the Philippines, Nippon forces yesterday continued to carry on relentless attacks against United States landing units at Leyte Island.

With the enemy's rash attempt at invasion of the Philippines seized as a golden opportunity to launch decisive counter-offensives our forces in the south-west Pacific, with the Philippines as the centre, have thus embarked on an all-out offensive to crush the enemy.

At Morotal Island our units strategically took to the offensive to carry out death-defying attacks against enemy lines. The enemy's attempt to make use of airfields and other installations was rendered impossible, while heavy damage was caused to other enemy establishments. Significant was the fact that the enemy beachhead at the southern tip of Morotal Island was cut into two as a result of strategic attacks by our forces.

Our garrison units at Pilliliou Island on the other hand have established a firm foothold on the three heights, Higashiyama, Suifuzan and Kansokuzan.

Ruthless British Plunder Despite All-India Famine

Churchill's Confession Of Open Loot, Plunder Of India's Foodstuffs

The open loot and plunder of Indian foodstuffs for the exclusive use of the Anglo-American civilians and soldiers stationed in India and abroad, was frankly admitted by British Premier Winston Churchill in the House of Commons yesterday, when he said that the Anglo-American armed forces in India have to rely largely upon the resources of India.

According to a despatch from London, Churchill was answering a question in the House of Commons about the exact division of responsibility between the British Secretary of State for India and the British Secretary of State for War regarding the welfare of British and other alien troops in India. Replying, Churchill said that the Secretary of State for India is primarily responsible for provisions, welfare and amenities for British troops when serving in India, whereas the Secretary of State for War lays down the scale of such provisions, welfare and amenities required. That is, the amount of provisions required for the British troops in India as well as their welfare and amenities must all be provided from India by the Secretary for India, to the complete satisfaction.

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IMPRESSIVE PASSING-OUT CEREMONY OF SECOND BATCH OF JHANSI VOLUNTEERS

It was a red letter day for the Rani of Jhansi Regiment Volunteers yesterday when the second passing-out ceremony was held at the Waterloo Street Padang in the presence of a distinguished gathering.

A batch of nearly one hundred trainees obtained their graduation as full fledged soldiers and the function which was presided over by H.E. Col. J. K. Bhonsle, Chief of Staff, Azad Hind Fauj, attracted much attention.

The padang was gaily decorated with tri-colour national flags and large sections of the high military officials and prominent members of the public were accommodated in specially erected sheds.

The life size oil painting of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose done by the local artist Nambiar who has made a present of it to the I.I.L., Syonan Branch, occupied a conspicuous place on the main platform while another decorated picture of Netaji dressed as a soldier carrying the kit bag was the cynosure of all eyes. The picture of the Rani of

Jhansi on a white mount was also prominently exhibited.

The programme, which consisted of a dozen events, began with the hoisting of the National Flag and the singing

of the National Song to the strains of the Azad Hind Government Broadcasting Station Orchestra.

The various displays such as physical training, weapon training, series of drills (with and without arms), flag signalling, bayonet training, Burma fighting with song, etc., were gone through without a hitch and the high standard of efficiency and smartness displayed by the trainees was quite striking.

After the tea interval the parade took place when H.E. Col. Bhonsle carried out the inspection in the company of Captain (Mrs.) M. S. Thavar, the Commandant of the Camp, Mr. J. A. Thivy, vice-president of the I.I.L., East Asia, and other high military officials, after which the March Past took place, Col. Bhonsle taking the salute.

Inviting Col. Bhonsle to give away the prizes to the trainees who had shown outstanding

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H.E. COL. J. K. BHONSLE

Persistent Enemy Attacks Repulsed On West Front

Lisbon, October 24 (Domei)—The main fighting on the Western Front shifted to the Hertogenbosch area, in central Holland, according to reports received here. British Second Army troops and tanks fought in the north-eastern outskirts of Hertogenbosch, United Press dispatches said.

The German High Command said that east of Hertogenbosch the Germans frustrated heavy concerted break-through attempts of the enemy. Along the main front facing east toward Germany, persistent anti-Axis attacks scored no major gains, and the first widespread snow of winter further hampered anti-Axis operations, United Press dispatches said.

The sector around Aachen was not active, the dispatches added, but to the south German big guns, apparently railroad weapons, hurled 16 to 27 hundred-pound shells against the United States Third Army.

In the southern wing of the Western Front, the Germans hurled several sharp counterattacks against the American lines near Luneville, United Press dispatches said.

"V-1" retaliation fire was directed against London yesterday, the German High Command announced.

The battle on the east Prussian border continued with the utmost violence yesterday, the German communiqué said. German battleplanes particularly intervened effectively in the fighting. It added that Soviet vanguards were cut off and attacked from the rear. At Goldap and south of Gumbinnen, the Soviets were thrown back by counterattacks.

Goldap was practically evacuated by the enemy who was also forced to retreat in the area south of Gumbinnen, frontline dispatches to Berlin said. On the whole of the remaining 40-kilometre long front north of the Eydtkuennen-Gumbinnen highway, German forces scored a complete defensive success yesterday, frontline dispatches to Berlin said. In the area southward, between the above-mentioned highway and Suwalki, Soviet attacks failed to gain any success, the dispatches added.

Moscow dispatches said that Hitler and Himmler visited the East Prussian border to exhort German troops in the most important fighting at present on the Eastern Front. The Soviet assault on Memel again collapsed, dispatches to Berlin said.

In northern Greece, German movements proceeded according to plan, the German High Command announced. German fighting east of Szolnok on the Tisza, in central Hungary, continued, the German High Command announced. In northern Finland, strong enemy pressure continued from the south and east in the direction of Kirkenes, the Berlin communiqué announced.

BANKS' 2ND SAVINGS DRIVE HEADING FOR NEW RECORD

Syonan, September 24 (Domei)—Another record-smashing campaign for Malaian banks in their second "Fixed Deposits With Bonus" drive, now under way to further strengthen the economic structure of this country, is indicated by latest figures released by an official of the Malaian Banking Association, which reveal that with still eleven more days to go, a sum of well over \$6,000,000 has been deposited by the Malaian populace in all towns and cities of the peninsula—just about \$2,000,000 short of the ceiling established in the first campaign eight months ago.

Topping the list for the greatest amount of savings, Syonan's total up to October 20 was approximately \$2,500,000, although figures for this city obtained this morning disclose that this amount has been far exceeded and stood at \$3,331,000 yesterday afternoon. Figures of other towns in the Malaian states are as follows: Kuala Lumpur, \$1,530,000, Penang, \$510,000, Ipoh, \$385,000, Malacca, \$320,000, Seremban, \$187,000 and Johore Bahru, Batu Pahat, Muar, Taiping, Kuala Lipis, Kuala Trengganu

and Alor Star, approximately \$650,000. Altogether, up to October 20, more than 2,600 accounts were opened in the various banks affiliated to the Malaian Banking Association by the Malaian public. Details up to this date of the various amounts of savings in banking institutions in Syonan City disclose that deposits under the scheme in Nippon banks totalled \$2,124,000, while the amount deposited in Chinese banks aggregated \$240,000 and in Indian banks \$140,000.

It may be recalled that the Malaian Banking Association launched its first "Fixed Deposits With Bonus" campaign during February-March this year, when a total sum of over \$8,500,000 was deposited by the Malaian population. Under this scheme, depositors are given an opportunity to win various monetary prizes ranging up to \$10,000, in addition to a special rate of interest for their deposits by means of the lottery system.

The current campaign closes at the end of this month, with the lottery draw scheduled to take place on December 20.

Impressive Passing-Out Ceremony Of Jhansi Regiment Volunteers

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merit, Captain (Mrs.) Thavar said that the passing-out parade was the second of its kind to be held here and it had given them ample opportunity to judge the high standard of military efficiency the volunteers had received and their capabilities as soldiers.

With "Do or Die" for their motto, Captain (Mrs.) Thavar said that whatever the hardships they might have to undergo, each one of the volunteers was pledged to die fighting in the cause of India's freedom rather than yield or retreat from the battlefield.

Col. Bhonsle, who praised the high standard of efficiency the volunteers had attained, said, "From what I have seen and known of your training, I can safely say that it has reached a very high standard of efficiency. Your discipline is praiseworthy. The training and

discipline of your camp is many a time the envy of our men. The Officers and N.C.O.'s of this Regiment who have worked their way up by displaying outstanding ability and merit will do honour to any regiment," declared the Chief of Staff.

Col. Bhonsle also paid a high tribute to Capt. (Mrs.) Thavar attesting to her outstanding ability as an organizer and a leader. "I for one," said the Chief of Staff, "fully realize the heavy responsibility lying on her shoulders. Her job is like the acrobatic feat of walking on a rope with the abyss of Military exigency on the one side and fathomless depth of public criticism on the other."

The Chief of Staff then gave away the prizes.

The function came to a close with the singing of the National Song and with shouts of national slogans which were lustily responded.

'Br. Military Circus' To Whip Up Morale

Resentment against the most inhuman British policy has resulted in widespread discontent among Indian troops in the service of the British, as well as violent hatred among the general masses in the country towards the British authorities. This has so exasperated the British authorities that they are desperately resorting to all sorts of devices to get further recruits for their so-called Indian Army. Open canvassings and campaigns having miserably failed, they have now resorted to cunning propaganda stunts, such as presenting worthless medals and holding military displays and exhibitions. One such exhibition, which has already earned the nickname of "British Military Circus" was opened in Hyderabad, Deccan, yesterday. The Nizam of Hyderabad, who performed the opening ceremony under pressure of the British military authorities, frankly admitted in his speech, that the so-called War Services Exhibition is being

Ruthless Br. Plunder Despite India Famine

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tion of the Secretary of State for War.

The Secretary of State for India, in turn, orders the British Viceroy and his Government in India to provide the British forces in India with foodstuffs and all other things they require. Churchill's explanation proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that the merciless loot and plunder of Indian foodstuffs and other materials from the impoverished Indian masses for the exclusive benefit of the alien troops in India, has been the only objective of the British authorities in India who have wilfully, maliciously and deliberately planned and carried out this loot, leaving the Indian masses to hunger and starvation, famine and pestilence.

held with a view to inducing the youths of the country to join the armed forces and thereby making up its rapidly decreasing strength.

All-India Stands United Against British Policy

Political leaders in India continue their ceaseless efforts to further strengthen the anti-British front in the country. In a statement issued yesterday, Master Tara Singh, the well-known Akali leader, has reiterated the oneness and indivisibility of the Indian Nation. Master Tara Singh declares that the Sikhs solidly stand for a free, strong and united India.

Opposition to the vivisection of India was also voiced yesterday by Syed Amir Shah, President of the Ali Britain Jamiat Ul-Muslimin, who declared that 99 per cent. of the Muslims in Britain are opposed to Pakistan and owe unconditional allegiance to the Indian National Congress. Syed Amir Shah proposes to undertake a tour of Britain so as to discuss with his Muslim brethren ways and means of further intensifying the struggle for India's freedom.

According to a report from London, the Commonwealth Party, that is, an Independent Left Wing Party founded by Sir Richard Acland, explaining the Party's attitude to India, says, "If as the British Government insists, there is no practical difference between Dominion Status and National Independence, the Government is allowing sentiment to conquer sense in refusing to allow independence to Indians. To withhold it until all differences of minorities have been solved is equivalent to direct refusal", says the British Commonwealth Party.

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U.S. Navy Dept. Admits Loss Of Two More Subs

Lisbon, October 24 (Domei)—The United States Navy Department today announced the loss of two more American submarines in the Pacific theatre of the war, bringing the total of submarines admitted lost since Pearl Harbour to 32, according to a Washington dispatch.

Br. Foreign Secretary Eden In Athens?

Zurich, October 24 (Domei)—Although nothing is officially known of Anthony Eden's whereabouts, political quarters in the British capital are speculating over the possibility that the British Foreign Secretary may have flown to Athens, according to the London correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

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